

1. A multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities, including:

a base member having a bottom side and side member extending upward from said bottom side;

5 a storage member pivotally connected to said side member to enable said storage member to have at least a limited range of movement with respect to said base member and to permit a range of inclined positions respectively between said base member and said storage member; and

means interconnecting said base member and said storage member for
10 maintaining said storage member in a selectable fixed incline position with respect to said base.

2. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein said storage member includes a substantially rectangular storage compartment.

3. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein
15 said storage member includes a first substantially circular storage compartment.

4. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 3, wherein said storage member includes a second substantially circular storage compartment.

5. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 4, wherein said storage member includes a substantially rectangular storage compartment.

20 6. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein said storage member includes an open utility surface.

7. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein said storage member includes a hook for retaining a conventional roller paint tray.

8. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein said maintaining means includes a movable flange and slotted surface which operably interconnect said storage member and said base member such that said flange removably seats in a slot of said slotted surface to maintain a selected incline between said base member and said storage member.

9. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, which includes a handle connected to said side member.

10. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, which includes a pair of opposing side members.

11. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 10, which includes a first generally U-shaped handle having a transverse member and two opposing parallel side arms extending therefrom in a first direction, wherein each said side arm is pivotally connected to one said side member.

12. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 11, wherein said transverse member includes a hooked arm extending therefrom in another direction from said first direction to enable said receptacle to hang from a rung of a ladder.

13. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 11, which includes a second generally U-shaped handle having a transverse member and two opposing parallel side arms extending therefrom in a common direction, wherein each said side arm is pivotally connected to one said side member.

14. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 13, wherein said transverse member of said first U-shaped handle includes a retaining hook

extending therefrom which is configured to removably retain said second U-shaped handle.

15. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 14,
wherein said transverse member includes a hooked arm extending therefrom in another
5 direction from said first direction to enable said receptacle to hang from a rung of a
ladder.

16. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 14,
wherein said retaining hook is configured to removably retain said transverse member of
said second U-shaped handle.

10 17. The multifunctional receptacle with load-leveling capabilities of claim 1, wherein
said storage member includes a tab to seat on a rung of a ladder and aid in support
thereof.